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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment in the above-referenced application, filed concurrently herewith. Applicants believe no fee is due with the filing of this amendment, however, should any fees be deemed to be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from VINSON & ELKINS L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KER020/4-001. Consideration of this case in view of the amendment made herein is respectfully requested.